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# NAUSEA AND VOMITING

#### FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS

- 1. Nausea.
- 2. Vomiting.
- 3. Prophylactic treatment of narcotic induced nausea and/or vomiting.

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

## Patients under 4 years of age.

Known sensitivity to Ondansetron or other 5-HT3 antagonists:

- 1. Granisetron (Kytril)
- 2. Dolasetron (Anzemet)
- 3. Palonosetron (Aloxi)

### **ALS PROCEDURE**

- 1. Assess patient for need for anti-emetic therapy.
- 2. Maintain airway.
- 3. Position of comfort.
- 4. Oxygen.
- 5. Cardiac monitoring in patients with history of cardiac problems.

# **DOSAGE:** PATIENTS FOUR (4) YEARS OLD TO ADULT

- 1. Ondansetron 4mg IM or slow IV push over 1 to 2 minutes.
- 2. Ondansetron 4mg Oral Disintegrating Tablet (ODT).
- 3. All patients four (4) years to eight (8) years old: may give a total of 4mgs of Ondansetron prior to Base Station contact.
- 4. All patients nine (9) and older: may give Ondansetron 4mg and may repeat twice, at

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ten (10) minute intervals, for a total of 12mgs prior to Base Station contact.

5. Base Station may order additional doses of Ondansetron for continuing nausea or vomiting.

6. May give Ondansetron 4mg when giving morphine IV to prevent nausea or vomiting.

# **DOCUMENTATION**

Documentation will be done on the patient care record (O1A or ePCR). The patient's response to the medication and vital signs will be documented on the PCR.